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Shaw Visited S. F.

Clay Shaw, charged in New Orleans with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, was in San Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963, the day of the assassination.

Shaw, then managing director of the new International Trade Mart in New Orleans, made arrangements for a room at the St. Francis Hotel and a talk to San Francisco trade leaders through J. Monroe Sullivan, then executive director of the San Francisco World Trade Center.

Sullivan, now assistant to the director of the Port of Oakland, told The Examiner:

"I received a letter on Nov. 11, 1963 telling me of his visit and asking me to arrange a speaking engagement for him and to make hotel reservations.

"I made reservations at the St. Francis Nov. 21 to 24.

"We spent most of the morning of the 22nd together at the World Trade Center, comparing our trade centers and discussing their functions and financing.

"Then I took Shaw on a tour of our center and the World Trade Library."

Sullivan said he also arranged a special luncheon at the World Trade Club for Shaw and lined up his own World Trade Center Authority, the San Francisco World Trade Association and the club as co-sponsors.

"We heard before the lunch that the President had died.

"I acted as master of ceremonies and asked everyone to rise for a moment of silent prayer."

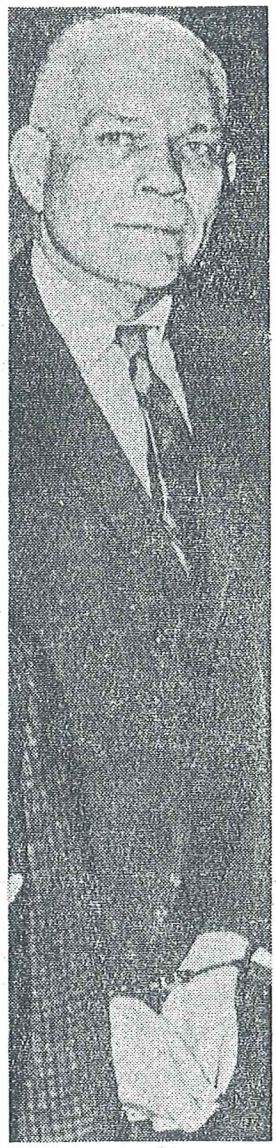
Sullivan said he believes the assassination kept the luncheon attendance down to only 14 persons.

Don E. DeLone, trade promotion manager for the Port of San Francisco, who is in Japan on a business trip, also recalled Shaw's visit.

He told newsmen in Tokyo of a meeting he had with Shaw.

"He was urbane and appeared just as shocked and depressed as we were over the tragedy in Dallas," DeLone said.

"We had a short meeting in the Ferry Building so Shaw could explain the details of the new International Trade Mart in New Orleans. None of us felt like carrying on the meeting."



CLAY SHAW
In handcuffs
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